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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Field Activities,  
Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT : OSA Overflight Mission Approvals

1. I should like to reiterate and make a matter of record my policy governing the final release authority for OSA overflight missions.

2. All missions will require a final release. If it turns out that I am not present at the go-no-go briefing, then the release will be referred to me wherever I might be available. In my absence [redacted] Deputy Assistant Director, will assume this authority; and if neither of us is available, then you as Deputy for Field Activities have authority to make the release. In this event, it is very important that you are aware of the present political climate and situation. Do not hesitate to refer to higher authority or utilize liaison channels to insure the release remains in the best interests of the country.

3. I would like you to devise a suitable form which can be signed by the individual making the release and which thereafter would become a part of our permanent mission record. Please prepare for my review a draft of the form you would propose.

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

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